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EDITORIALS

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Today the Times-Virginian begins its 58th year of publication! That is the meaning of the "Volume 58, Number 1" on the front page heading.

To appreciate the meaning of 58 years of any kind of business, we scanned through the issues of 1892 and of the business places mentioned at that time in the paper, none are still in business. Time takes its toll!

We still have many subscribers on our list who have been with us all these years. Some time ago a subscriber brought in a receipt for his subscription, paid in 1893.

We owe thanks to a lot of folks. Old friends are to be treasured.

GEN. IKE'S STATEMENT

In event General Eisenhower is ever a candidate for political office, there is one statement in the record that will be used against him. In 1948, when many were insisting that the popular General become a candidate, he wrote to a New Hampshire editor refusing to be entered for the Republican nomination for President and giving it as his opinion that "in the absence of some obvious and over-riding reasons, life long professional soldiers (should) abstain from seeking high political office." The General wrote, "politics is a profession; a serious, complicated and, in its true sense, a noble one."

RELATIVES ON PAY-ROLL

A writer for the Chicago Tribune has just made a study and declares that 91 Congressmen have relatives on the U. S. pay-roll. What is more, he lists them and the amounts they receive.

We suppose this is nothing exciingly new. It has never received top publicity. Proved a relative actually works, the practice may not be unpardonable. The late Mrs. John Nance Garner served as secretary to her husband for many years, and did a splendid job. Mrs. Truman did the same, ably, when her husband was in the Senate. The mere fact that a relative's name is on the pay roll does not indicate a scandal. But yet there is an angle which would make some frown on the practice. The test should be: does the relative work as many hours as other employees? Is the pay earned?

Nepotism exists in all levels of private service and surely is present in private industry. Sometimes it is a bad thing. Any relative on any pay roll should realize that others are watching for evidence of just a hand-out job, and therefore should try to turn in a full day's work.

FROM OTHER EDITORS

RUSSIA AND CHINA

(Winchester Star)

There is much speculation over the outcome of the visit of Mao-Tse-Tung, communist leader in China, to Moscow, presumably to pay his respects to Dictator Stalin on the occasion of Stalin's seventieth birthday. Many fear it will result in a closer alliance between China and Russia.

So is said to have had a personal invitation from Stalin, and upon his arrival was met by all the top men in the Soviet government. The visit is explained in Moscow, as one to bring China completely under Soviet domination.

That much can be taken for granted. But Mao will hardly put himself completely under Russian domination without exacting a price. Mao must have plans for his country's future.

China needs help to rebuild a country wrecked by years of war. The United States made a half-hearted effort to supply that help through the Nationalist government, and failed miserably. Russia will not extend economic help, but will attempt to control China by military force.

It is presumptuous to predict what any Oriental people will do. But those who know China best incline to the view that Russia has taken on a sizable job. China's troubles are too numerous and of too long standing to be cured by a change of rule.

The United States, acting with the best of intentions, failed to restore China. Can Russia, acting with the worst of intentions, succeed in doing so?

MORE OLD FOLKS

(Richmond News Leader)

Virginia is sharing with the rest of the nation a growing problem of adjusting society to the ever increasing number of "old folks." A recent bulletin of the University of Virginia Extension Service discloses that by 1960, an estimated 6.9 per cent of the Old Dominion's population will be made up of persons 65 and older. In 1880, this bracket accounted for only 3.6 per cent of the total, and in 1940 for only 5.8 per cent. Nowadays nearly one out of every 15 persons in Virginia is at least 65 years of age.

SOUTH'S HALF CENTURY OUTLOOK SEEN AS THE BRIGHTEST IN THE NATION

By HODDING CARTER

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Greenville, Miss.

A century's half-way mark has a certain mystic quality that moves entirely too many people to write profound observations on the progress of mankind for 50 years.

I'm one of them, but I'm not going to get out of my depth. Let others interpret the forward or backward sweep of humanity, speculate on the behavior of the solar system during the next half-century or predict that by the year 2000 we will have destroyed ourselves. I'm just going to look at what has happened close to home in 50 years and what is likely to happen in the next 50 if we are permitted any degree of orderly development.

In 1900, few smart people elsewhere would have picked the South as a place in which to settle for money-making purposes or even for any great contentment of the spirit. Home folks and Northern investors alike were doing their best to accomplish more destruction than was wreaked in four years of bitterly remembered war. They were assiduously cutting off all the South's timber, eroding its earth by neglect and deliberate action and refusing to accept either advice or warning.

Throughout the South hundreds of thousands of sick people—most of them unaware just how sick they were—dragged themselves about their small tasks. They suffered from malaria, from pellagra, from hookworm, from social disease, from tuberculosis, and too many people were too ready to accept these disabilities as an inevitable occupational or geographical hazard, an act of God or a racial blight.

Politically, they were almost as sick. Only a very small minority participated in state and local politics. The demagogue had begun to entrench himself at the expense of the old Southern gentleman-politician whose interests were rarely those of the rebellious majorities which were discovering that a vote could be a great equalizer and a powerful instrument of vengeance.

Young Southerners looked about them without much hope 50 years ago. Their schooling was the worst and the least in the nation. There was no opportunity at home for all of the best schooled, and many of those more fortunate ones simply left home. The least educated who also left home found that they were handicapped in economic competition elsewhere because they lacked sufficient training.

And yet, the South—the exploited, distorted, politically mixed fourth of 50 years ago—commanded of its citizenry a regional devotion, a sense of loyalty to place and people and an inner faith in its future that could not be perceived in more favored sections of the nation. It is that loyalty and faith that are beginning to find justification as the second half of the twentieth century begins.

We haven't gotten where we're going in the South, but we've come a long way from where we were. That is what should be remembered. The health of our people, even our political wisdom are so advanced as to be almost unrecognizable against the statistics and the situations of 50 years ago. We suffer far less from material exploitation, for we are learning and are beginning to apply the lessons of diversification, proper industrialization, and the conservation of what we have. We do suffer today from a calculated, political exploitation by self-seeking men elsewhere, in Washington and in a score of states where politicians know how to woo bloc votes by the whipping boy technique.

But we're not going to remain the whipping boy. Barring world catastrophe, the South's half-century outlook is the brightest in the nation. It may even be that as the year 2000 dawns, the Southern commentator may be looking northward with concern and pity yfor our less privileged fellow-Americans of the metropolitan jungles. —From Atlanta Journal.

GI'S PREFER BRASS

(The Christian Science Monitor)

Now that enlisted men in the Army can elect to be tried by courts-martial including other enlisted men, they prefer, overwhelmingly, to trust to boards of commissioned officers. That's the story told by Fifth Army Area statistics. In the first ten months of the new system only 15 of 333 accused enlisted men asked trial by mixed courts.

The answer is to be found among the chevrons and hash marks. Regulations specify that enlisted men of experience and good judgment shall be picked for court duty. That means, usually, senior noncoms with considerable service.

Now, we, and we're sure others, can well remember many majors and colonels to whose tender mercies we would rather have trusted our fate than to some of the "old" sergeants we have known. And the same officers often tone down recommendations of certain sturdy but exasperated "tops" that culprits be given a hanging at sunrise, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. So we understand the Fifth Army boys' scruples entirely.

Congressman Reed proposes a 50 per cent ceiling on individual income taxes.

Senator Stuart to propose repeal of Virginia's present absent voter's law.

Rice builds up early lead to defeat North Carolina in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Czechs claim "Red" victory over the Church.

Hoover and Taft urge U. S. to aid Formosa.

Forecast says mild weather will linger.

Ohio State rallies to win the Rose Bown game.

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Finland feels pre-election pressure from Soviet.

GI is Old Dominion's first high way casualty of 1950.

Uncle Sam Says

You are now at the half-way mark of this 20th Century. The past 49 years have witnessed momentous strides in science, medicine, engineering, in short, all phases of human endeavor. There have provided unlimited opportunities for my nephews and nieces, with openings galore for the practice of their skills and inventiveness. In addition, your government offers a simple, safe and sure method which insures future security for home and family through the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. By enrolling now for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or if self-employed, the Fund-A-Month Plan where you bank, you will receive $4 for every $3 in ten short years. Make the 1950's your goal for that future security.

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BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-41; DEVOTIONAL READING: Joel 2:28-32.

The Church Dynamic

Lesson for January 8, 1950

THE CHURCH is not meant to be a club, a lecture-hall, a debating society, a rest home, a music hall, an entertainment bureau or a burial association. It has something to do along all these lines, of course. But the Church is meant to be a place and channel of power. One of the last things Jesus, the Founder of the Church, said to his friends was: "Ye shall receive power after when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Not—you shall receive com- fort, or wealth, or insight, or any other good thing, though all of them have their place. What Jesus highlights is power.

Dr. Foreman

Dr. W. M. Horton, in his little book on the Christian faith, asks: When is a church not a church? His answer is: When it has lost the Holy Spirit. That is a good New Testament answer.

The early Christmas could not have imagined a church without the Holy Spirit, because in fact there had never been one without him. It was the coming of the Spirit on that summer day in Jerusalem that actually made the church, in the first place. True, it was not made out of nothing.

But suppose the Spirit had never come? What would have happened? Sooner or later the little band would have grown tired of waiting, would have given up faith in Jesus' promise, would have drifted off one by one, and the Christian church would have died before it was born.

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Tongues of Fire

THERE SEEMS to be something mystic, mysterious and unreal about the Holy Spirit, to most people's minds. We read in Acts about the flaming tongues of fire, about the rushing mighty wind, about Christians talking in strange languages; and then we go to our own church and find there no fire, no wind; only ordinary English is spoken by everyday people, the same people we have been seeing all week.

We get to thinking the Holy Spirit is just something in the Bible, some experience they could have away back yonder, but not here and now. After all, looking over the church from that day to this, and around the world at the present day, how many cases, authentic genuine cases of fire-on-the-head or storm-in-the-church-house, do you find? Not many! Does that show the Holy Spirit is not here any more?

We must remember that St. Paul met with much the same questions. Did a man have to speak in strange tongues to be sure he had the Holy Spirit? Fortunately, Paul stated in so many words what the fruits of the Spirit are: Love, joy, peace . . . Look up the rest of it in Gal. 5:22-23.

You may take St. Paul's inspired word for it: If you over see a church, a Christian group, that is notable for love, joy, peace . . . gentleness, goodness, faith . . . you may be sure the Holy Spirit is there. We do not gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles, Jesus says.

You don't have the fruits of the Spirit without having the Spirit. And that is Power. Said a great Australian preacher: Show me a church where the members treat one another with more real love than the people outside the church treat one another, and you will find men crowding the doors of that church to get in.

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How Can We Get the Holy Spirit?

WE CANNOT GET the Spirit by wishing ourselves back in the first century. We can have the Holy Spirit now, on the same terms as always. There are no new conditions, no complicated rules, no application blanks to fill out. Jesus said: God will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him: Paul said: Covet earnestly the best gifts

In any church, if there is even a small group who want the power of God in their lives, who want his power for the church, that little group can change that church and change the community. Power passes through a wire when one end of it is attached to a dynamo and the other end to a machine that is doing some work.

Prayer—that is the touch with God. Service—that is the link with man. So power will flow through the Church when at one end it is in touch with God, and at the other end it is doing something real for human needs.

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Vera

Vera, Jan. 4.- Christmas passed very nicely. Friends were remembered with gifts and greetings from far and near.

There has been right much hunting. Right many deer killed.

Pvt. Grover Beasley, of North Carolina spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley.

Sonny Watson, of Annapolis spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr and Mrs. T. C. Harvey

Pfc. Gerald M. Harvey, of Fort Bragg, N. C. spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

Mrs. Ida Morris, T. C. Harvey and family were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson Christmas night.

Misses Mae and Ada Harvey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C Harvey during the holidays.

Those present for supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Wednesday night were T. C. Harvey, Jr. and family; Mrs. Don Moses, Miss Katie Woodson, Gerald Harvey and Miss Alice Hamlett. Other guests in the home were Mr. Grover Beadley and family, Mrs. J. N. Watson and Sonny, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and Walker and Ed Cawthorn.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis during the holidays.

Mrs. Irvin Robertson and Mrs. Leonard Garrett were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey. Also Mrs. Jessie Chernault and daughters.

Mrs. J. N. Woodson and family and Mrs. Henry Carnefix, of Richmond were visitors in the home of T. C. Harvey Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Covington, Jr., of Vera are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, of Richmond visited her sister, Mrs. Maude Abbitt, during the holidays.

Vera, Jan. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carnefix are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harvey.

Mary Helen Childress celebrated her 12th birthday Thursday, December 29. Those present included Wanda and Ethel Chernault and Merle Reynolds.

Merle Reynolds and Mary Helen Childress spent Friday night with Wanda and Ethel Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris and Mr. Jim Harris, of Buckingham, were guests Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and daughters, Jeanette and Sally Lou spent Thursday with Mr and Mrs. Flood Harris, of Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault were guests Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coleman.

Miss Evelyn Chernault and Wiley McCormick were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chernault Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chernault have returned to Pennsylvania after spending the Christmas holidays here.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Jan. 4.- Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cyrus Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Day, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson and son and Miss Frances Martin, of Oakville; Arthur Martin, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Asmond.

Miss Clarkie Cheatham, who has been ill for several days, is now out again.

Mrs. Martha Williams of Lynchburg spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chilton and daughters, Ava and Lois, spent Sunday in the home of Miss Clarkie Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H Cycus spent last week in Albany, Ga. as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Jr.

Mrs. Woodson, of Amherst, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon, of Richmond spent several days in the home of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. George Carson spent Sunday in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson, Jr. and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Frazier and son; Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. George Tureman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Babcock and son and Jimmie Dickerson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson last week.

Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Odor and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Coleman visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow Thursday.

The W. S. C. S. of Salem Church will hold their regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. C. W. Adams Friday at 7:30 P. M.

Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 4.- "The ears of the righteous hear not the words of him who slanders."—Quoted.

Service at Wesley Chapel Sunday at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Godsey and daughter, of Appomattox, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Giles.

Edward Smith, of Norfolk spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pentecost visited with their son, in Washington, D. C., over the holidays.

J. W. Pillow and family, of Norfolk visited with Mrs. Lilly Pillow last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pugh, of Burkeville called to see Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Pugh and family Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Powell, of Roanoke spent a few days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bascom and Nathan Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Clapp and daughter, of Richmond were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

James Moore visited with Mr. and daughter, Marvis and R. C. T. and Mrs. Theodore Moore Sunday. W. T. Garett visited Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilburn and Henry Davis at Pamplin on Friday children were the guests of Mr. and afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday evening.

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